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Sirs:

Please give consideration the my follow ing conclustions concerning the settlement of the Microsoaft anti trust case:

1. This case was instigated by competitors of Microsoft, namely Sun-microsystems, Oracle, and AOL. The pricipal owners, having made their billions, proceeded to spend vast sums lobbying for the anti trust case against Microsoft.
2. As the case began, the stock market began its decline, cuminating in the present lower level. I believe the American public lost confidence in the entrepeneuerial form of business that has led to the success of Microsoft. The fact that the govenment has pursued this case smacks dangerously of Socialism.
3. The American public has been forced to not only carry the burden of the court costs for this case, but has endured loss of personal income, resulting in the loss of tax revenues to both state and federal governments. Has anyone come up with the combined figure of personal income loss and government tax revenue loss? It must be staggering!
- 4.I personally have found no one agreeing with the Attorney General's statement that Microsoft is not good for the consumer. On the contrary, those I have polled have only favorable comments for Microsoft products and pricing. Interestingly, when the Attorney General of Connecticut was putting a spin on Microsoft, he was asked if he used Microsoft software. He admitted to using same both in his office and at home. Surely, if Microsoft is so bad for the consumer, he, of all people, could have found other products to purchase and use.
5. The timing of the new suit brought by AOL against Microsoft seems a little suspect.
6. 41 out of 50 states have agreed to the settlement between Microsoft and the government. How can 9 states dictate to 41?

Thankyou for your time and attention to my conclusions.  
Yours truly, Ken Apland